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A special call to all ASARECA partners to register with us

Wishing You A Merry Christmas And A happy New Year



Dear esteemed A4RD Partners,

It is just a matter of hours and we at ASARECA Secretariat together will experience 2021. Before that, just one more important message that we think we must pass to you before the year ends. ASARECA Board of Director mid December 2020, granted an extension to the ongoing process of updating information about ASARECA existing members and partners, including founding members through online registration.

The registration exercise was initially scheduled to last two months (2 months) starting

from June 23 and ending on August 24, 2020. However, it was extended to end on December 31st 2020. The new extension up to March 2021 is out of the realization that this is an extremely important process, which also offers an opportunity to interested AR4D institutions that would like to become members of ASARECA, to register and join the Association, participate in ASARECA Governance discourse and decision making and stand a chance to be appointed into the ASARECA Board of Directors.

Key information required

Some of the key information required to register include: (i) Name of the organization or institution; (ii) Focal contact person; (iii) Category or specialty of the organisation or institution; (iv) address, including the country where the institution head offices are located, post office number, phone numbers; and (v) email address among others. This information will be reviewed and stored online.

Target audience

The intended audience for registration exercise is ASARECA's partners and members who are spread within the Eastern and Central African region and other global partners. These include: -Ministries Responsible for Agricultural Research and Development

-Associated Ministries in thematic areas affecting Agriculture and its value chains such as Water, Fisheries, Environment, Forestry, Industry and Trade.

-National Agricultural Research Institutes (NARIs)

-Regional Farmers Umbrella Bodies

-National Farmers Umbrella Bodies -Individual Farmer Organisations -Regional Extension and Advisory Umbrella Bodies -National Extension and Advisory Umbrella Bodies -National Advisory Forums relevant to Agricultural Research for Development (AR4D). -Regional Private Sector Umbrella Bodies -National Private Sector Umbrella Bodies -Individual National Private Sector Organisations -Regional and national individual value chain organisations and agribusinesses -Regional Higher Education Umbrella Organisations -Associated Higher Education Institutions in member countries with a bias to AR4D and associated value chains. -The CGIAR Centres -Individual Development Partners Organisations -Development Partners Groupings -Regional Economic Communities (RECs) -Associated International and Regional NGOs based in ECA -Local NGOs with interest in Agricultural Research for Development (AR4D) -Regional Youth Umbrella Organisations

-National Youth Umbrella Organisations

-Regional Women Umbrella Organisations

-National Women Organisations

-Other Research Institutions with a bias to AR4D.

Other Benefits of Registering

By registering to become an ASARECA member you will:

-Become a member of ASARECA, a respected African institution with the mandate of convening and coordinating Agricultural Research for Development in Eastern and Central Africa.

-Participate in ASARECA Governance discourse and decision making through the General Assembly

-Stand a chance to be appointed into the ASARECA Board of Directors and hence directly participate in the decision making process.

-Draw opportunities associated with brokered partnerships with a pool of experts drawn from the National Agricultural Research and Extension Systems from the 12 member countries and beyond.

-Stand a chance of being enjoined into multi-stakeholder projects in collaboration with multidisciplinary partners in the <u>member countries</u>.

-Access capacity development initiatives mooted in our new Strategic Plan

-Access Technologies Innovations and Management Practices developed by teams of researchers and experts from member countries and international partners

-Access other products disseminated through ASARECA knowledge hub

-Receive our monthly newsletter

-Receive our publications

-Stand a chance to access research funding opportunities.

How to register: We have designed an online registration form, which is embedded in ASARECA's website. To register, follow the link: <u>https://www.asareca.org/page/join-asareca</u>

Alternatively: Click Join ASARECA at the top of our home page and answer all the questions (both English and French forms are available). REGISTER NOW

Welcome to 2021

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